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Descriptive Summary

A scenic - industrial picture of 344 feet. It depicts the banana and cocoanut industry as it is conducted at Jamaica. A click of the projection machine and we are transported to the palm studded groves of the balmy West Indies. Those happy-go-lucky, ebony-skinned negroes who are gathering bananas aren't especially concerned in the high cost of living. The porters carrying away the bunches get all of sixty-two cents a hundred, piecework, for their labor as beasts of burden. Those women wrapping up the bunches can make thirty-five cents a day - if they work hard enough. The crude carts are piled high with the green fruit. The driver snaps his long whip. The ten oxen throw their weight into their yokes as they ford through the Rio Grande river on their way to the railway, where the load is placed on cars to be shipped to the seaboard; thence by boat to Northern markets.

Those negroes climbing the cocoanut trees seem to enjoy themselves. Watch that one push the nuts from the stems with his feet. Now the others are chopping away the green husks. Then milk of the cocoanut must be delicious from the way that bunch of dusky-skinned, merry laborers are enjoying it. There's some fun in being a negro - if you live on a tropical isle.

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